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World Rice Production Sharply

Below Two Preceding Bumper Crops

World rice production suffered a sharp reversal in 1965-66. Unlike the two preceding years, when weather generally favored bumper harvests, this season's crop conditions have been adverse in a majority of countries.

The Foreign Agricultural Service estimates world production of rough rice in 1965-66 (August-July), excluding Communist Asia, at 156 million metric tons compared with the record 169 million tons of 1964-65, and a near-record 165 million tons in 1963-64. During the 5 years ended 1963-64, an average of 153 million tons were produced annually.

Output declined in Asia, Europe, and Africa. Preliminary estimates indicate South America's production is about the same as in the preceding year. Harvests were larger than in 1964-65 only in North America, the USSR and Oceania (Australia).

The principal decrease was due to a sharp reduction in the crop of India, where production declined from the bumper harvest of the preceding season to the lowest yielding crop in eight years. Lack of rainfall reduced both the acreages and paddy yields in important rice states. The Indian preliminary forecast of rough rice crop was 46 million tons, a reduction of 12 million from 1964-65, and nearly 5 million below the 1959-60/63-64 average.

Crops in most other countries of Asia were not seriously below those of 1964-65. In South Korea, drought caused a sharp reduction in output, and the acreage and production of South Vietnam declined. Less favorable conditions caused moderate decreases in the crops of Thailand, Japan, and the Malay States. But Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, and Taiwan had increases in production, and Pakistan's crop was close to the 1964-65 record harvest. Again the Philippines planted more rice, and improved yields resulted in a new record crop.

RICE (rough): Acreage, yield per acre, and production in specified countries,
average 1955-56/59-60, annual 1963-64 to 1965-66 1/2

Continent and country	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Average	1963-64	1964-65	Average	1963-64	1964-65	Average	1963-64	1964-65
	1955-56 to 1959-60	2/	2/	1955-56 to 1959-60	2/	2/	1955-56 to 1959-60	2/	2/
North America:									
Mexico	285	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
United States	1,547	1,771	1,786	1,854	1,954	1,962	239.6	296.0	275.0
Costa Rica	112	136	136	1,793	3,968	4,095	2,238.1	3,187.4	3,317.7
El Salvador	37	37	37	145	835	1,146	42.4	58.9	70.7
Guatemala	22	28	32	36	1,751	1,973	29.4	30.7	33.1
Honduras	29	34	34	33	1,414	1,469	11.4	18.0	21.3
Nicaragua 3/	55	53	56	35	1,517	1,471	20.0	22.7	22.6
Panama	224	255	298	61	1,222	1,189	30.5	29.1	30.2
Cuba	314	---	---	---	975	958	103.5	112.7	129.5
Total North America	2,861	3,075	3,229	3,357	2,421	2,938	245.0	---	---
South America:									
Argentina	138	133	168	---	2,956	3,512	185.0	190.0	267.6
Bolivia	53	79	70	78	1,338	1,401	32.2	48.0	44.5
Brazil 3/	6,527	9,940	9,800	9,600	1,370	1,417	4,057.3	6,174.0	6,300.0
Chile 2/	84	81	77	81	2,130	2,627	81.2	86.1	91.7
Colombia	485	628	747	926	1,646	1,931	361.2	550.0	600.0
Ecuador	268	272	222	247	1,226	1,329	149.1	164.0	173.0
Guyana	166	200	311	---	1,912	1,871	144.0	175.0	264.0
Peru	175	203	173	200	3,481	3,619	276.4	350.0	284.0
Surinam	67	75	75	72	2,334	2,426	70.9	74.8	88.0
Uruguay	43	51	68	81	2,884	2,918	56.3	47.1	90.0
Venezuela	78	182	224	260	1,096	1,631	38.8	131.1	165.8
Total South America	8,113	11,875	11,975	12,045	1,489	1,547	5,479.4	8,018.1	8,405.1
Europe:									
France	66	73	74	73	3,786	3,631	113.4	121.9	121.9
Greece	39	47	61	55	3,359	4,079	59.4	82.9	112.9
Italy	347	284	296	312	4,666	4,381	734.4	564.3	624.0
Portugal	91	90	93	88	3,960	4,299	163.5	181.4	145.8
Spain	159	155	158	143	5,403	5,555	389.6	398.6	377.0
Total Western Europe	702	649	682	671	4,586	4,649	1,460.3	1,329.3	1,438.3
Bulgaria	35	29	28	28	2,974	2,439	47.2	42.3	31.0
Hungary	98	47	44	41	1,592	1,748	70.8	48.1	34.9
Romania	47	34	49	---	1,864	2,420	39.7	51.3	53.8
Yugoslavia	15	15	16	16	3,280	3,488	22.3	25.3	25.0
Total Eastern Europe	202	132	144	142	2,033	2,312	186.3	171.0	151.0
Total Europe	904	781	826	813	4,016	4,242	1,646.6	1,500.5	1,589.3
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia)									
	299	370	470	495	1,674	2,158	227.0	380.0	460.0
									570.0

Africa:													
United Arab Republic	679	988	999	1,000	4,496	4,938	4,493	4,189	1,384.8	2,213.0	2,035.8	1,900.0	
Chad	43	--	--	--	1,328	--	--	--	25.9	34.0	--	--	
Congo (Leopoldville)	383	--	--	--	959	--	--	--	166.6	--	--	--	
Ghana	60	80	105	106	990	904	894	853	26.9	32.8	42.6	41.0	
Guinea	960	1,000	1,000	1,000	677	551	728	661	295.0	250.0	330.0	300.0	
Ivory Coast	487	600	680	600	570	735	713	827	125.9	200.0	220.0	225.0	
Malagasy Republic	2,031	1,915	1,853	1,900	1,210	1,497	1,582	1,566	1,115.1	1,300.0	1,350.0	1,350.0	
Mali	380	460	500	500	961	971	728	661	165.5	190.0	165.0	150.0	
Nigeria	614	--	--	--	1,107	--	--	--	308.4	330.0	400.0	350.0	
Portuguese Guinea	125	--	--	--	1,760	--	--	--	100.0	--	--	--	
Senegal	152	185	185	210	990	1,263	1,263	1,260	68.3	106.0	106.0	120.0	
Sierra Leone	753	756	--	--	805	1,142	--	--	259.6	391.0	330.0	310.0	
Tanzania 2/	181	--	--	--	1,130	--	--	--	92.8	--	--	--	
Upper Volta	50	86	86	86	776	866	872	872	17.6	33.8	34.0	34.0	
Total Africa	7,977	8,474	8,635	8,618	1,259	1,521	1,482	1,423	4,554.3	5,183.0	5,804.7	5,563.5	
Asia:													
Iran	800	900	900	950	1,750	2,110	2,100	2,042	635.0	860.0	860.0	925.0	
Turkey (Europe and Asia)	121	136	86	124	2,474	2,844	3,460	2,934	135.8	180.0	135.0	165.0	
Burma	11,100	12,600	12,500	12,100	1,387	1,435	1,429	1,492	6,985.0	8,200.0	8,100.0	8,200.0	
Cambodia	4,900	5,673	5,600	5,600	990	1,073	1,024	1,063	2,200.0	2,760.0	2,600.0	2,700.0	
Ceylon	1,021	1,295	1,148	1,200	1,544	1,765	1,663	1,745	715.1	1,036.5	865.9	950.0	
China, Taiwan	1,926	1,894	1,884	1,900	2,774	3,371	3,498	3,481	2,423.8	2,895.8	2,990.0	3,000.0	
India 3/	80,501	88,026	89,148	1,900	1,188	1,387	1,438	--	43,434.5	55,388.4	58,156.6	46,000.0	
Indonesia	17,261	18,300	18,500	--	1,545	1,613	1,668	--	12,094.0	13,100.0	14,000.0	--	
Japan 2/	8,055	8,085	8,055	8,043	4,054	4,386	4,305	4,252	14,810.5	16,015.0	15,730.0	15,511.0	
Korea, South	2,725	2,855	2,954	3,035	2,450	2,908	2,969	2,542	3,028.7	3,766.1	3,978.6	3,500.0	
Laos	1,643	1,600	1,600	1,650	1,033	1,033	734	1,002	770.0	750.0	730.0	750.0	
Malaysia:													
Malaya States	743	796	860	--	1,956	2,067	2,361	--	659.3	745.7	921.0	915.0	
Sabah (North Borneo)	75	92	93	--	1,643	1,797	1,927	--	55.9	75.0	81.3	--	
Saravak	240	280	290	--	827	811	846	--	90.0	103.0	111.4	--	
Pakistan 2/	22,767	25,437	26,155	26,900	1,242	1,537	1,500	1,451	12,827.8	17,739.4	17,795.9	17,700.0	
Philippines	7,562	7,629	7,906	7,988	1,006	1,110	1,115	1,172	3,499.3	3,842.8	3,992.4	4,200.0	
Thailand	12,778	15,782	14,773	14,880	1,209	1,420	1,439	1,434	7,004.7	10,168.4	9,640.0	9,625.0	
Vietnam, South	--	6,271	6,331	6,201	--	1,758	1,806	1,771	4,100.0	5,000.0	5,185.0	4,821.7	
Total Asia, excluding Communist areas 4/	184,297	202,756	204,011	200,810	1,406	1,577	1,602	1,481	117,538.2	150,666.2	148,273.3	134,938.6	
Oceania:													
Australia	50	61	63	65	4,762	5,205	5,424	5,766	108.0	144.0	155.0	170.0	
Fiji Islands	35	--	--	--	1,534	--	--	--	24.4	--	--	--	
Total Oceania	90	96	99	101	3,268	3,856	3,984	4,233	132.4	167.9	170.3	173.2	
World Total 4/	204,500	227,400	229,200	226,200	1,431	1,600	1,625	1,517	132,700.0	165,100.0	169,000.0	156,000.0	

1/ Crops harvested in Northern Hemisphere during the latter part of the year, together with those harvested in Asia from November to May, are combined with crops harvested in Southern Hemisphere during the first part of the following year. Harvested acreage is shown unless data for planted acreage only are available. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Planted acreage. 4/ Excluding Communist Asia (China, North Korea, and North Vietnam).

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Production decreased in all the rice-producing countries of West Europe. Acreage declined in all except Italy, where dry weather sharply reduced yields. Per acre yields of France and Portugal were also well below average. In Spain and Greece, reduced acreages resulted in smaller crops, even though record yields per acre were harvested. Acreage of East Europe continued below the average of the late 1950's, and estimated production is only slightly higher than in 1964.

Africa's rice acreage approximated the preceding year's record level, but production declined by 240,000 metric tons of rough rice. This was due largely to less favorable weather in Egypt than in 1964.

South America's crop is now estimated at approximately the same level as in 1964-65. A reduction in Brazil's crop is reported, though substantial estimates are not yet available. An upward trend in rice cultivation continued in most of the other countries. Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Uruguay and Venezuela had further increases in acreage, and larger crops were harvested. However, lack of rain reduced the crops of Argentina and Chile.

Good crops were produced generally in North America. Although U.S. acreage increased less than 1 percent, the continued improvement in per acre yields resulted in 172,000 metric tons more rough rice being harvested than in 1964. Mexico increased acreage and production. Central America put 5 percent more acreage into rice, and there was a corresponding increase in production.

The USSR and Australia had significant increases in rice acreage, and good crops were harvested. USSR acreage increased 25,000 acres, or 5 percent, and above average yields resulted in a sharp gain in production. Australia continued the gradual expansion in acreage of the last 10 years and harvested another record crop.

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WORLD RICE CROP FORECAST

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The world rice crop of 1966-67 (August-July), excluding Communist Asia, is forecast nearly at the 1964-65 record level, in the first estimate of Foreign Agricultural Service. Record acreages are in prospect in all continents, except Europe, and due to generally favorable weather and improved production techniques yields per acre are higher in many countries.

World production of rough rice is forecast at 171 million metric tons, up 8 percent from the short 1965-66 crop of 159 million tons, and close to the record 172 million tons produced in 1964-65. Average production during the five years ended 1964-65 was 160 million tons.

Prospective world rice acreage is placed at a record 232 million acres compared with 227 million in 1965-66 and the previous record of 230 million acres in 1964-65. Land in rice is 10 million acres larger than the average of 1960-61/64-65. Major increases are in Asia--mainly India--and Africa, with gains of 3,800,000 and 335,000 acres, respectively, over the preceding year. Percentage-wise the principal rice area expansion took place in the USSR, in both Western and Eastern Europe, and in North America (United States).

Record rice acreage is expected to be harvested in Asia, outside Communist areas. The prospective output--which represents 87 percent of the world rice crop, excluding Communist Asia--is sharply above last year's small crop, which was reduced mainly by drought in India.

Good crops are reported in Pakistan, Japan, Thailand, the Philippine Republic, Taiwan, Ceylon and other countries. In southwest Asia, Iran and Turkey have bumper crops due to increased acreages and favorable weather.

RICE (rough): Acreage, yield per acre, and production in specified countries,
average 1960-61/64-65, annual 1964-65 to 1966-67 1/2

Continent and country	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Average	1964-65	1965-66	Average	1964-65	1965-66	Average	1964-65	1965-66
	to	2/	2/	to	2/	2/	to	2/	2/
	1964-65	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1964-65	Pounds	Pounds	1964-65	m. t.	m. t.
North America:									
Mexico	342	329	363	1,961	1,962	1,944	1,870	275.0	320.0
United States	1,703	1,786	1,793	3,737	4,095	4,291	4,346	3,317.7	3,489.6
Costa Rica	132	136	145	1,400	1,042	1,141	1,264	70.7	75.0
El Salvador	33	37	36	1,952	1,973	2,011	2,147	33.1	33.0
Guatemala	26	32	26	1,369	1,394	1,442	1,360	20.2	17.0
Honduras	33	34	41	1,500	1,468	1,459	1,488	22.6	27.1
Nicaragua 2/	55	56	61	1,353	1,189	1,266	33.7	30.2	35.0
Panama	253	298	329	978	938	1,029	112.3	129.5	153.6
Cuba	240	--	--	1,700	--	--	185.0	--	--
Dominican Republic	160	--	--	1,998	--	--	145.0	--	--
Total North America	3,085	3,220	3,334	2,502	2,932	3,035	3,105	4,282.0	4,589.1
South America:									
Argentina	135	168	118	3,159	3,512	3,088	--	267.6	165.3
Bolivia	74	70	78	1,316	1,401	1,410	--	44.2	50.0
Brazil 2/	9,235	10,600	10,400	1,421	1,456	1,441	--	5,951.2	6,800.0
Chile 2/	82	77	78	2,440	2,627	2,326	2,577	91.7	82.2
Colombia	643	747	926	1,823	1,771	1,600	1,533	600.0	672.0
Ecuador	273	254	235	1,525	1,366	1,623	1,632	157.4	173.0
Guatemala	247	290	339	2,000	1,970	1,897	--	224.0	290.0
Guyana	38	40	40	1,950	2,040	2,040	--	33.6	37.0
Paraguay	194	173	200	3,606	3,619	3,305	--	317.3	284.0
Peru	70	75	72	2,486	2,587	2,750	--	78.9	88.0
Sarinas	51	68	81	2,841	2,919	2,918	--	65.8	90.0
Uruguay	165	224	260	1,476	1,631	1,695	1,399	107.6	165.0
Venezuela	11,207	12,786	12,825	1,540	1,566	1,541	1,515	110.5	199.2
Total South America	11,207	12,786	12,825	1,540	1,566	1,541	1,515	7,830.3	8,966.8
Europe:									
France	77	74	73	3,474	3,631	2,878	3,866	121.3	121.9
Greece	49	61	55	3,704	4,079	4,205	4,409	82.3	95.3
Italy	299	296	300	4,679	4,648	3,674	4,409	624.0	504.0
Portugal	92	93	88	4,299	4,299	3,652	4,448	170.0	145.8
Spain	157	158	143	5,555	5,555	5,812	5,689	388.8	377.0
Total Western Europe	674	682	659	4,569	4,642	4,091	4,641	1,397.0	1,438.3
Bulgaria	32	28	28	2,497	2,439	--	--	36.2	31.0
Hungary	52	44	42	1,715	1,748	--	--	40.4	34.9
Romania	35	40	50	2,420	2,204	2,204	--	41.1	53.8
Yugoslavia	15	16	14	2,333	3,388	3,371	3,747	22.7	24.6
Total Eastern Europe	142	146	143	2,282	2,310	2,322	2,484	147.0	150.6
Total Europe	816	828	802	4,171	4,237	3,776	4,254	1,544.0	1,591.3
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia)	332	469	500	2,068	2,209	2,513	2,321	311.0	470.0
								570.0	600.0

Africa:												
Morocco	9	10	9	12	4,033	4,560	4,411	4,592	16.5	20.7	18.0	25.0
United Arab Republic	829	999	1,100	1,200	4,745	4,493	3,732	3,674	1,784.2	2,035.8	1,862.0	2,000.0
Congo (Kinshasa)	130	---	---	---	915	902	---	---	54.0	45.0	---	---
Ghana	78	105	106	106	959	894	853	874	33.8	42.6	41.0	42.0
Guinea	1,025	---	---	---	618	---	---	---	287.0	330.0	300.0	---
Ivory Coast	610	595	---	---	771	827	---	---	215.0	225.0	---	---
Malagasy Republic	1,996	1,853	1,900	---	1,370	1,475	1,566	---	1,240.0	1,240.0	1,350.0	---
Mali	442	500	---	---	893	728	---	---	179.0	165.0	155.0	---
Nigeria	700	---	---	---	1,120	---	---	---	355.0	400.0	350.0	400.0
Portuguese Guinea	138	---	---	---	1,664	---	---	---	104.0	---	---	---
Senegal	180	185	210	---	1,151	1,263	1,260	1,102	93.8	106.0	120.0	190.0
Sierra Leone	800	---	---	---	895	---	---	---	325.0	330.0	310.0	---
Tanzania 3/	204	---	---	---	1,161	---	---	---	108.0	---	---	---
Upper Volta	112	---	---	---	649	---	---	---	33.0	---	---	---
Total Africa	8,379	8,540	8,663	8,998	1,398	1,477	1,405	1,430	5,314.7	5,719.8	5,522.7	5,837.9
Asia:												
Iran	846	900	---	---	1,894	2,110	---	---	726.0	860.0	860.0	900.0
Turkey (Europe and Asia)	129	86	124	136	2,601	3,460	2,934	3,560	152.2	135.0	165.0	220.0
Afghanistan	524	544	---	---	2,053	2,056	---	---	488.0	508.0	---	---
Burma	12,000	12,300	12,000	---	1,457	1,461	1,494	---	7,915.0	8,150.0	8,200.0	---
Cambodia	5,731	5,793	5,965	---	952	978	972	---	2,474.8	2,570.0	2,376.2	---
Ceylon	1,239	1,148	1,216	---	1,714	1,663	1,722	---	963.1	865.9	950.0	---
China, Taiwan	1,905	1,884	1,910	---	3,242	3,499	3,607	---	2,801.8	2,990.0	3,125.0	---
India 2/	86,359	89,855	87,000	---	1,356	1,438	1,171	---	53,105.0	58,610.0	46,500.0	55,000.0
Indonesia	17,845	18,500	---	---	1,627	1,734	---	---	13,171.0	14,550.0	15,000.0	---
Japan 3/	8,117	8,055	8,043	8,040	4,324	4,305	4,252	4,455	15,920.5	15,730.0	15,511.0	16,250.0
Korea, South	2,837	2,954	3,035	---	3,647	4,019	3,463	---	4,693.6	5,384.7	4,767.4	5,900.0
Laos	1,600	1,600	1,650	---	1,020	1,006	1,002	---	740.0	730.0	750.0	---
Malaysia:	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Malaya States	816	841	850	---	2,238	2,338	2,373	---	828.5	892.0	875.0	---
Sabah (North Borneo)	89	93	95	---	1,879	1,927	1,963	---	75.6	81.3	82.0	---
Sarawak	282	290	300	---	858	846	826	---	109.7	111.4	112.0	---
Nepal	2,800	3,120	---	---	1,647	1,413	---	---	2,095.0	2,000.0	---	---
Pakistan 2/	24,955	26,155	26,168	26,000	1,462	1,500	1,501	1,509	16,539.0	17,795.9	17,811.1	17,800.0
Philippines	7,821	7,906	7,901	---	1,096	1,115	1,123	---	3,883.4	3,992.4	4,033.4	---
Thailand	14,709	14,677	14,753	---	1,343	1,427	1,433	---	8,960.0	9,501.0	9,587.6	10,500.0
Vietnam, South	6,054	6,331	6,001	---	1,841	1,806	1,771	---	5,055.8	5,185.0	4,821.7	---
Total Asia, excluding Communist areas 4/	197,339	203,829	200,753	204,551	1,576	1,634	1,516	1,606	141,105.2	151,088.7	138,060.2	149,044.8
Oceania:												
Australia	56	63	65	65	5,429	5,423	6,275	5,852	138.0	155.0	185.0	170.0
Fiji Islands	30	25	---	---	1,543	---	---	---	21.0	---	---	---
Total Oceania	89	91	93	92	3,963	4,191	4,812	4,386	160.0	172.0	203.0	185.0
World Total 4/	221,250	229,800	227,000	231,600	1,596	1,654	1,547	1,630	160,100.0	172,400.0	159,000.0	171,000.0
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Total production in the Asian countries other than India is expected to set a record. Due to high yielding crops, their total output is forecast at about 94 million tons, 2.4 million tons larger than in 1965-66 and 6 million tons above the average of 1960-61/64-65.

India holds nearly four-tenths of the world rice acreage outside Communist Asia, and produces about 37 percent of Free Asia's rice crop. Though it is early to make a final estimate of its 1966-67 crop to be harvested mainly in December-January, production is expected to be well above the reduced crop of 1965-66, but less than the record of 1964-65. Rainfall has been more adequate in the rice states this year, except in Bihar and eastern Uttar Pradesh. Here continuing drought has sharply reduced yields. So far, large acreages have been planted in India and improved techniques in an increasing number of areas should result in more rice per acre.

Estimated production of Western Europe is the biggest in five years. Harvests are larger in all countries except Greece, where acreage was reduced. Total acreage increased 7 percent, with the largest increases in Italy, Spain, and Portugal. In contrast with the poor yielding crops of the preceding year, weather has been generally favorable for rice.

In North America, acreage expansion and continued gains in yields per acre are bringing in a 7-percent increase in the estimated crop over last year. The United States is harvesting the largest acreage in 12 years. Though U.S. acreage was not quite as large as the average of 2.07 million acres harvested in the peak years 1950-54, this season's rough rice crop of 3.85 million tons is 1.58 million, or 70 percent, larger than in the same average period. This is due to a steady upward trend in per acre yields in the last 15 years.

Mexico has record rice acreage and production this year. Output in Central America is expected to continue the expansion of recent years.

~~Australia~~ is planting another large acreage in rice. However, it is too early in the season to forecast the production of as high yields per acre as were produced in 1965-66.

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